



Monday, September 11, 2017 - 1600 CST Hurricane Harvey Incident - Report 14

Reporting Period: 8/24/17 – 9/11/17 – 1600 CST

Current Situation (9/11/17)

- ATSDR R6 activated the Texas Poison Control Center Network (6 call centers) to address chemical and toxic exposures questions generated from the public. Resulting in collaboration between multi State and federal environmental and health agency collaboration through a daily situation report produced and shared by the Poison Control Center. This report highlights a running total and the cases received each day. The Poison Control Centers Network also provides direct patient care, providing free medical advice to those exposed to oil, gas, peroxides, benzene or other health concerns. A benefit for the impacted public and responders. **24/7 Nation Wide PCC phone: 1-800-222-1222.** Poison Centers continue to collaborate with state (TX) and federal agencies (EPA & CDC) to provide exposure surveillance and patient treatment recommendations.
- **DEET - Caution** is urged for everyone using insect repellents containing DEET (N,N-Diethyl-meta-toluamide). The prolonged improper use may result in toxic effects including confusion, lack of muscle coordination, nausea, vomiting, and in severe cases seizures. Follow the directions on the product being used and do not apply excessive amounts. Wash treated skin with soap and water after returning indoors. If you suspect a reaction to DEET - flush the exposed skin. If the product gets in the eyes flush with water. In either case call the **National Poison Center hotline at 1-800-222-1222.**
- EFS 8 folks should reach out to all ESF Safety Officers and ESF Leadership to remind them that our Poison Control Center Network in Texas can provide occupational support to first responders. And, as response folk interact with the public who need clinical or medical support to call the 1 800 222 1222 number. Please provide a brief back to us on your efforts to institutionalize this phone number with response and recovery efforts.
- ATSDR Liaison to EPA-HQ Emergency Operations Center shared the ongoing work and public contact information for the Poison Control Centers. EPA will be providing that contact information on their website and factsheets, as appropriate.
- All Specialists in Poison Information of the Texas Poison Center Network have been instructed to continue to collect additional information on hurricane related exposures and to code cases as PUB Health EMERG and to use AAPCC emergency code on the case to help aid in epidemiological studies.

Central Texas Poison Center will continue to provide situation reports daily until further notice, on behalf of TPCN.

Residents with poison concerns may continue to access 24-hour bilingual medical advice by calling the **National Poison Center hotline at 1-800-222-1222.**



Calls received to date:

Calls specifically documented as relating to Hurricane Harvey

Year	Month	Day	Exposure calls	Information calls	Total calls
2017	Aug	25-31	92	19	111
2017	Sep	1 - 7	73	14	87
2017	Sep	8	3	1	4
2017	Sep	9	1	1	2
2017	Sep	10	3	1	4
2017	Sep	11*	1	1	2
Total			173	37	210

* Partial data – data from midnight until time of report.

Note that the Texas Poison Center Network identified an additional 3 calls in previous days related to the storm. These have been added to the spreadsheet.

Year	Month	Day	Carbon monoxide	Gasoline	Contaminated water	Bites and stings
2017	Aug	25-31	2	2	1	6
2017	Sep	1 - 7	14	0	0	2
2017	Sep	8	0	0	1	1
2017	Sep	9	0	0	0	0
2017	Sep	10	0	0	0	0
2017	Sep	11*	0	0	0	0
Total			16	2	1	9

Previous situation reports included all calls concerning these substances in Health Service regions 6, 8 and 11 – subsequently we changed to all Health Service regions and only included those cases that were due to the hurricane Harvey.